

Dates for the Diary

Tuesday	10am	Friendship Group
	10am	COGs Group meeting
Wednesday	6am	St John's Golf group
	11am	Ash Wednesday Service
	7pm	Ash Wednesday Service
Thursday	10am	Lenten Study
Friday	5.30pm	Community Dinner
Saturday 28 th March	10am	Trip to Mandurah

Messy Church Does Science – this afternoon between 3-5pm.

COGs Group Meeting – on Tues at 10am.

Ash Wednesday Services – on Wed at 11am & 7pm. Please bring along your palm crosses from last year.

Lenten Study – on Thurs at 10am. Will run for 6 weeks.

Community Dinner – on Friday between 5.30 – 7pm. This month we're having Aussie Burgers and Sausage Sizzle.

Trip to Mandurah – please note we've changed the date to 28th March. Can you put your name on the sheet on the Notice Board if you're coming along. We need at least 12 participants before we will hire a bus.

Income required per month	\$9,167.00
Offertory for month January	\$5,676.85
Income from other sources	\$1,766.88
Shortfall of	\$1,723.27

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Welcome to Worship Transfiguration of Christ

23rd February 2020

We are a warm-hearted community who are delighted to have you worshipping with us today ...

Our Mission is to

- **Know God personally**
- **Love and respect one another deeply**
- **Disciple and serve those around us**

Sentence: Suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, 'This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him!'

Matthew 17:5

Collect of the Day

O God,
in the transfiguration of your Son
you confirmed the mysteries of the faith
by the witness of Moses and Elijah,
and in the voice from the cloud
you foreshadowed our adoption as your children:
make us, with Christ, heirs of your glory,
and bring us to enjoy its fullness;
through the same Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the
Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Today's readings:

Exodus 24:12-18
Psalm 2
2 Peter 1:16-21
Matthew 17:1-9

Next Week:

Gen 2:15-17, 3:1-7
Psalm 32
Romans 5:12-21
Matthew 4:1-11



Transfiguration of Christ

Jesus was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light.

On this Sunday before the beginning of Lent, we hear Matthew's account of the extraordinary transformation of Jesus that Peter, James and John witness on Mount Tabor.

Matthew's account of the "transfiguration" (which takes place six days after his first prediction of his passion and his first instructions on the call to discipleship) is filled with images from the First Testament: the voice which repeats Isaiah's "Servant" proclamation, the appearance of Moses and Elijah, the dazzling white garments of Jesus. Matthew's primary interest is the disciples' reaction to the event: their awe at this spectacular vision will soon wither into fear at the deeper meaning of the transfiguration -- a meaning that they do not yet grasp. As the disciples will later understand, the transfiguration is a powerful sign that the events ahead of them in Jerusalem are indeed the Father's will.

The use of the Greek word "transfiguration" indicates that what the disciples saw in Jesus on Mount Tabor was a divinity that shone from within him. This coming Lenten season (which begins on Wednesday) is a time for each of us to experience such a "transfiguration" within ourselves – that the life of God within us may shine forth in lives dedicated to compassion, justice and reconciliation.

Peter's reaction to the Christ of the Transfiguration contrasts sharply with his reaction to the Christ of Good Friday: While totally taken with the transfigured Christ in today's Gospel, Peter is afraid to even acknowledge knowing the condemned Christ. Lent calls us to descend Mount Tabor with Jesus and journey with him to Jerusalem and take up our cross with him, so that the divinity we see in the transfigured Jesus may become in us the Easter life of the Risen Christ.

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Please pray for: Paul; Colleen & Ted; Marge; Lynne; Frances; Rowan; Isla; Hieko; Brad; Peter; Lois; Jill, Albert, Ivan; Suzie; Jan; Dan; Maureen; Stuart; Daena



Happy birthday to anyone who is celebrating their birthday this week